

# LEAGUE'S WORK-OR-FIGHT ORDER INTENDED TO KNOCK PROPS FROM UNDER KULTUR LEAGUE

## BASEBALL STAGGERED, BUT NEVER WILL STAY DOWN FOR THE COUNT

### Magnates at Present Undecided What to Do—One Major League Possibility—Novel Plan Suggested for Playing World's Series

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BASEBALL as the national pastime is not dead, nor will it ever die as long as America is America. The old game has just received a severe shock of bumps; but just as Fred Fulton will survive the quick but effective scalping he got from Jack Dempsey, so the grand old game, which has withstood many wars, will rise from the present embers and blossom. It is not likely, of course, that there will be two major leagues after September 1 until after the Kaiser's seconds have tossed the sponge into the ring, but it is highly probable that the magnates of organized baseball will get together immediately and begin planning for the future.

What the plans will be is not known. They don't know themselves, but the odds are they will have some kind of a league for 1919 that will be able to operate and still keep within the work-or-fight mandate recently promulgated by Provost Marshal General Crowder and approved by Secretary of War Baker.

It would be possible to form one league that would give the fans of the majority of the cities on the major league circuits high-class baseball next season. A circuit, for instance, composed of eight clubs would give all the cities that enjoy it now, except two. By this arrangement one club could be operated in the Metropolitan district, a combination of the Giants, Yankees and Brooklyn; Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis, which now have two clubs, could be supplied with one first-class club each. To these five clubs could be added three more from Washington, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Detroit, depending on which three the magnates deemed the best to support the game.

With the veterans left and the youngsters that are coming along there is no doubt that a league of high-grade talent could carry during the war period and that it would be patronized as well, if not better, than the clubs are today.

### Here's a Suggestion Which Should Be Considered by Magnates

NO ONE knows what will happen to baseball after September 1, but according to President Tener, of the National League, there will be no world series, as in former years. This big event will be missed by the fans, and already suggestions are coming in from those who support the game. The best we have seen comes from "P. E. H." of Harrisburg, and is printed in full:

"Dear Mr. Maxwell—I always have looked forward to the world series with a great deal of interest and early this year had visions of another. Since the clubs of each league have been so depleted, however, it seems like a real opportunity for the American and National circuits to add a fitting climax to an unfortunate situation.

"I have a suggestion that two clubs be picked similar to the ones I am offering and play a short series, all of the receipts to be donated to the Red Cross or to use them in some way that will lend cheer and help the morale of the men who are fighting so valiantly 'over there.'

"A series like that would furnish the men in the United States training camps and on the battlefield much diversion—a thing they need. Most of our soldiers are baseball fans and anxious to discuss the game. They would find plenty of opportunity to talk things over if the all-star teams get together. The games would draw enormous crowds and pack any park in the country. Here are my selections:

"National League—Groh (Cin.), third base; George Burns (N. Y.), right field; Roush (Cin.), center field; Hornsby (St. L.), shortstop; Chase (Cin.), first base; Doyle (N. Y.), second base; Wheat (Brooklyn), left field; McCarthy (N. Y.) and Killefer (Cubs), catchers; Vaughn (Cubs), Rudolph (Boston), Cooper (Brooklyn), Douglas (Brooklyn), Tyler (Cubs) and Toney (N. Y.), pitchers.

"American League—Hooper (Boston), right field; E. Collins (Chicago), second base; Speaker (Cleveland), center field; Sister (St. L.), first base; Cobb (Detroit), left field; Baker (N. Y.), third base; Chapman (Cleveland), shortstop; O'Neil (Cleveland) and Schalk (Chicago), catchers; Ruth (Boston), Johnson (Washington), Coveleski (Cleveland), Harper (Washington), Love (N. Y.), and Mays (Boston), pitchers."

The idea is wonderful, and Presidents Johnson and Tener could make a big hit by considering it seriously. Perhaps other line-ups could be suggested, but most of the stars are mentioned by P. E. H.

### World's Series in October Wouldn't Pay

IF WE are to judge the future by the recent actions of National League moguls, it is easily deduced that they are expecting, or at least hoping, to carry on until the regular time for the closing of the league. If the American League should concur in this opinion, which seems to be held by the majority of the National League moguls, it would mean that a world's series that would be patronized by the fans would be an impossibility.

Patrons of the game are not going to see two clubs play for the championship of the world when the teams' members representing those clubs which won the pennants are no longer among those present. This would necessarily be the case if a world's series were played in October. The contending teams would be made up of players under and over the draft age limit, which, in fine, means that the players who won the pennants for their respective clubs would be at essential work or in the service, far from the range of cushions, pop bottles and the wrath of the umps.

Such a series would be a travesty on the national pastime. It would be unfair to the future of the game and unfair to the comparatively few fans who spend their money to see a couple of teams battle for the world's championship, neither of which would be as strong as the lowest major league club at present.

Suppose, for example, that the Red Sox won the pennant in the American League. If the series were played in October the club would be without the services of Strunk, Melinna, Hooper, Bush, Ruth, Schang, Truesdale, Whitman and others. In place of these stars there would be a bunch of teenagers that would rank little higher than our own Tack Sparrows. Obviously for a club of this caliber to take the place of such veterans would be a hard blow to the game and would not soon be forgotten by fandom.

### Eddie Burns Quits Phils and Leaves for Home Tomorrow

EDDIE BURNS, Pat Moran's star catcher, has quit the Phils. Tomorrow night he departs for his home on the Pacific coast and probably will remain for the duration of the war. He notified President Baker of his decision yesterday while the Phils were trimming the Red.

Eddie is not jumping the club to join a shipyard—at least that is not his intention at present. He says his wife's father is ill and he will accompany her across the continent.

Burns's decision to leave caused President Baker to sign Mike Devine, of the New London club. Mr. Baker also took Garry Fortune, who has the makings of a good twirler, because Dixie Davis has enlisted in the navy and will report for duty on August 1.

The Phils hammered the Reds into submission in eleven innings yesterday, grabbing the battle in the twilight, when Milton Stock poked a single which sent Justin Fitzgerald across the pan. The battle was hard-fought and greatly appreciated by the loyal band of rooters which hid in the stands.

The Reds are here today for the final game of the series, and St. Louis arrives Thursday. Tomorrow will be an off day for the club.

### Fast Swimmers Anxious to Meet Kahanomoku

HONOR of meeting Duke Kahanomoku, the celebrated Hawaiian swimmer and Olympic champion, at the Winter Pool, Brighton Beach, on August 7, is being sought by some of the fastest men. No less than five of the first water have been lined up tentatively to meet the champion in the 220-yard race which he will swim here. Learning Jelliffe and Giebel, of the New York Athletic Club; Hal Volmer, of the Naval Auxiliary Training Station at Pelham; Norman Ross, of the United States Marine Corps, and Ludy Langer are the candidates among whom will be picked the opponent for Kahanomoku.

Through a fortuitous circumstance Ross and Langer, of San Francisco, and Gerry McGillivray, of the Chicago Athletic Association, will be in New York during the week Kahanomoku swims at Brighton to participate in a swimming meet of national scope that has been arranged at Belmar Beach. All of these men are anxious to swim the Hawaiian. McGillivray having his chance in Chicago recently when he beat the Duke over the four-course.

Errence Lane, of the Hawaii team, will swim fifty yards against either Volmer or Leo Giebel, while Harold Kruger swims 100 yards back against some metropolitan swimmer, who has not done better than for that distance.

Race for juveniles between Helen Wainwright, the College Point marine, Riggan, of Brooklyn, and Mildred Sieple has been arranged.

## SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



## TWILIGHT GOLF HAS DONE WONDERS FOR E. G. GRACE

By WILLIAM H. EVANS

THE latest volume of "Who's Who in America" contains 3,000 pages and in it are brief biographies of the great and near great of this country, yet the name of one of the admittedly biggest men in the country is not even mentioned, and that man happens to be Eugene G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and under him are a hundred thousand men. But that is typical of Mr. Grace, who cares nothing at all for that sort of thing, and who is one of the most modest of the really great men of the country.

He walks briskly. He never lags behind. If anything, he is a bit ahead of the other players. He does not intentionally get in front, but he is pushing always toward the green. The moment the last putt is holed he is away to the next tee. He plays quickly but with care and he has the rare faculty of concentration. He rarely looks up on his stroke and he has no serious golf faults. As a driver he will rank with some of the best swatters from the tee in the country. He crowds more pleasure into two days of golf than most of us get in a week. He plays his iron shots with judgment and the rough and hazard do not bother him. At times his putting is uncanny and it is rare that he takes more than two putts on any green.

Buck believes that the marvelous improvement in his game since he played with him last fall at Pine Valley is due to the fact of constant practice. He has one of the show places at Bethlehem and there he has built a hole on his grounds. Nearly every evening when he is through with his average arduous day he motors to his grounds and for an hour or so, thanks to the daylight-saving plan, he practices. And he goes at it in a very systematic and thorough way. There are traps and bunkers on this practice hole and there is a well-built green. Here he can get all the practice he needs with his wood and irons and this plan of daily practice in driving, brassing, of playing creak and midiron shots, of approach shots to the green and working on the green with his putter has enabled him to do wonders with his game. As a result his game is anywhere from five to ten strokes better than when he played at Pine Valley last fall and it demonstrates the great advantage of constant practice.

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**Buxton Takes a Day Off**

I ran across Cameron B. Buxton, our local champion, on Chestnut street yesterday, and he had just returned from a two-day's trip to Shawnee, where he had been playing in a four-ball match with Mr. Grace, Reggie Worthington and Bill Howland, of Chicago. It is the first Saturday and Sunday off that he has had in months, for down at Washington the best he can get is twilight golf, and every now and then he runs up to Pine Valley for a Sunday on the links.

Last October Buck played at Pine Valley with Mr. Grace, Chick Evans, George A. Crump and Paul Mackall, assistant sales manager of the Bethlehem Steel Company. At that time Mr. Grace returned two cards of 90 and 103. This was not a representative score by any means for the steel man, for he has played the Country Club of Baltimore in '78, and he has gone around Seawood in '75. At Shawnee last spring a year, playing with Chick Evans, Mackall and Warren Corkean, he was in the low eighties.

**Mr. Grace's Marvelous Improvement**

Buck says he has never seen any one whose game has improved so materially in nine months as that of the head of the big steel company. In the four rounds at Shawnee last Saturday and Sunday the steelmaster was as low as 78 and his highest round was 81. All of which is fine golf, as any one who has played the difficult Shawnee course will cheerfully admit.

Here we have one of the busiest big men of the country, who carries on his shoulders tremendous responsibilities, who works very hard and whose only time for recreation is Saturdays and Sundays. He is too busy a man to get an afternoon off. With him golf is a diversion and a recreation and nothing more. He is a self-taught golfer and he has had very little professional teaching, taking a lesson here and there occasion-

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## BEST WOMEN GOLFERS ALMOST IN SAME CLASS WITH MEN SAYS EVANS

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS, Jr.

I HAVE been playing golf for the Red Cross in all parts of the country for the last two months, and one thing that has impressed me very strongly is the very large and growing number of ladies, young, middle-aged and old (if ladies may ever be said to get old). It is a fine sign that this is becoming rapidly a health-appreciating country, for there is no sport which will put real roses in the cheeks so surely as golf, with its splendid outdoor exercise.

In observing the play of women I have seen some really remarkable work, and I appreciate so well the skill some of the leading women golfers show that when I was recently challenged to play a match with one of them, who asked but a very moderate handicap, I am frank to say that I was quite doubtful of the issue. In addition to observing the play of many lady golfers, I have taken part in mixed foursomes with a number of the best, including Miss Alexa Striding, Miss Elaine Rosenthal and others—all of whom were capable of giving the best men golfers an exciting battle. I believe I can pass along to others some suggestions which will be helpful to women players.

Most women who play golf today have, at some time or other in their lives, developed the athletic instinct to play in tennis, basketball and in gymnasium work. All women who have enjoyed this training should easily become excellent golfers if they will set their minds to it in an earnest effort to become good players. If I may venture a criticism, I would say that I have seen some women who make golf too much of a social affair and not enough of a real sport which has for its object making the course with the least number of strokes.

I have discussed the subject of women players with a number of prominent women golfers, and I believe that too many women start a game with the idea that there are physical limitations upon a woman's success in the great game, while others start out with the wrong idea that their style of play should be distinctly different from golf as men play it.

As a matter of fact the best women players closely approach the best play of expert men golfers, and their style of play is by no means dissimilar. One would be inclined to assume that a woman's club should be widely different from those used by a man. As a matter of fact the difference need not be great. Of course, the weight, length, thickness of grips, etc., should be adapted to the individual woman player, precisely as they are in the case of men. Otherwise the underlying principles of the game are exactly the same, with the exception, perhaps, that a woman cannot take so free and full a swing as most men do. Grip and stance should, however, duplicate exactly those of a man. I believe that a woman can develop a splendid three-quarter swing with both wooden and iron clubs, although I am aware that many professionals teach their pupils to use the half swing for these clubs. It is surprising what a free and open swing a woman can develop if she only believes she can and approaches the play determined to accomplish it.